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MINNESOTA MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR HUDSON BANK ROBBERY

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Thomas D. Trammell, Jr., 30, Green Isle, Minn., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 200 months in prison without parole for armed bank robbery.

On July 8, 2005, Trammell entered the First National Bank of Hudson, Crestview Branch, a few minutes before closing time, approached two different tellers, displayed a gun and provided a note demanding money. The defendant fled the bank with the money. He was arrested in Minnesota in 2006.

Trammell has a lengthy and violent criminal history and was sentenced as a career offender. In sentencing Trammell, Judge Shabaz focused on how traumatic this bank robbery was to the tellers involved, as well as Trammell's extensive criminal history. Trammell is currently serving an eleven-year federal prison sentence for an unrelated bank robbery in Minnesota. Judge Shabaz ordered that Trammell's prison term in this case run consecutive to his other federal sentence.

The charges against Trammell were the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Hudson Police Department, with the assistance of the Sibley County (Minn.) Sheriff's Department and the Forest Lake (Minn.) Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura A. Przybylinski Finn.

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